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TAGS: PFOR, CPAS, CVIS, ASEC, CGEN, UR, US, (MITCHELL, BERNON F.)

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR AUSTRALIAN VISA: BERNON F. MITCHELL

REFS: A. STATE 76015 NOTAL, B. MOSCOW 4439 NOTAL,

C. STATE 71434 NOTAL

1. BERNON F. MITCHELL, FORMER NSA EMPLOYEE WHO DEFECTED TO USSR WITH CO-WORKER WILLIAM H. MARTIN IN 1960, IS TRYING TO FILE VISA APPLICATION AT AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN CONSOFF. AS INDICATED IN REF B, MITCHELL'S COLLEAGUE, MARTIN, HAD MADE PITCH TO CANADIAN EMBASSY FOR VISA IN SUMMER 1976 AND AGAIN AT END MARCH 1977.

2. AUSTRALIAN CONSOFF INFORMED EMBASSY'S CONSULAR COUNSELOR THAT MITCHELL TRIED TO ENTER AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY ON APRIL 27, BUT MILITIA TURNED HIM AWAY. NEXT DAY MITCHELL PHONED AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY VISA CLERK FROM LENINGRAD AND STATED HE WISHED TO RETURN TO APPLY FOR VISA. HE ASSERTED THAT HE WOULD TELEPHONE BEFOREHAND AND ASKED THAT EMBOFF MEET AND ESCORT HIM INTO EMBASSY TO PRECLUDE ANOTHER REBUFF BY MILITIA. VISA CLERK REPLIED SHE WOULD PASS MESSAGE TO CONSOFF.

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3. AUSTRALIAN CONSOFF INFORMED EMBOFF HE PERSONALLY WAS NOT INCLINED TO ESCORT MITCHELL INTO EMBASSY, BUT WAS CABLING CANBERRA FOR INSTRUCTIONS BOTH ON THAT POINT AND ON QUESTION OF VISA ISSUANCE.

4. AUSTRALIAN CONSOFF NOTED HIS EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED TIP

FROM AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, ABOUT THREE WEEKS
AGO THAT MITCHELL MIGHT TRY TO RETURN TO U.S. VIA AUSTRALIA.

5. DEPT REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY BACKGROUND DATA OR GUIDE-
LINES ON CASE DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO PASS TO AUSTRALIAN
EMBASSY HERE.

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